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Defiantly awaiting spring

Against a background of wind-swept ice and sculptured cloud, a lone tree defies a winter that refuses to end. The solitary sentinel stands watch, waiting. It waits for a sign, a robin, a warm southern breeze, a harbinger of spring. When this sign arrives, it knows it can rest its limbs, for spring will break the ice, melt the snow and remove winter's cold grasp from the land. (Photo by Belyea)

Gualtieri president

Satellite campuses instrumental in win

By SUSAN MOORE
Staff Writer

Satellite campuses pulled Joe Gualtieri, presidential candidate, through to win the Student Administrative Council (SAC) in last week's election, with 303 of 504 votes cast for president.

Joe, representing the Student Representative Council (SRC) slate, won 141 to 19 at the satellites, against Randy Stanley, representing the Broadcasting party. The satellite campuses included hotel and restaurant, horticulture, theatre centre, and the Mack School of Nursing.

Randy had the most votes at the Welland campus, with 182 of 344 votes.

Executive vice-president is Anne Sutherland, SRC party, 216 votes.

A six-vote difference between Sandra Nash, Student Union Party, and Mike MacKenzie (SRC) for vice-president of finance, brought a recount. Sandra won 255 to 249.

Members of the Broadcasting party won both the vice-president of internal and external affairs; they are Tom Otto, 185 votes, and Carrie Cunningham, 169 votes.

For vice-president of athletics, Terry Cushman, SRC, won with 216 votes. The position of club convener went to Tony Bianco, SRC, with 199 votes.

"I think it (student turnout) was excellent," A. S. Aboud, director of student services, said. "Just on the basis of the numbers of votes we have accumulated, I think the students have turned out more enthusiastically then they have in some years. A great deal of credit should go to the candidates who held very aggressive campaigns."

SAC removes Avetissian, counter-accusations fly

By ALISON BAILEY
and SUSAN MOORE
Staff Writers

The most controversial election in the history of the college has Mike Avetissian and the Student Administrative Council (SAC) volleying accusations as to why Mike's name was removed from the SAC election ballot.

Mike, presidential candidate for the Student Union Party (SUP), was removed from the ballot of last week's SAC election because of "questionable tactics," Tom Mather, SAC president, said.

SAC said in an undated statement it had to take Mike's name off the ballot. It tried to inform him of the decision but was unable to reach him until Sunday night to tell him to come to a meeting. Mike said he was told of the decision on Monday, March 16.

"I'd like to add, without naming names, that the SAC executive was not alone in this decision," Tom said.

GUIDELINES SET UP

"Certain guidelines were set up prior to the campaign and we felt that Mr. Avetissian had transgressed a number of the parameters," Tom said, in the statement issued March 16.

"My nomination was accepted and yet my name was not on the ballot," Mike said. "I did not violate the constitution in any way."

Because no formal guidelines are in the constitution, Tom said he and A.S. Aboud, director of student services, worked on the guidelines for the campaign which were given to the candidates.

Tom said the guidelines Mike had broken were: equal opportunity for all parties and individual candidates and available space distributed according to numbers of parties campaigning.

He said Mike broke the rules by putting up posters on all available space and not leaving any for the other parties.

THAT'S THE GAME

"You can't be penalized for putting up too many signs because that's the name of the game during elections," Mike said. "When SAC told me, I willingly went to all the bulletin boards and took down some of the posters."

Tom said that after being informed that Mike, as president of the Niagara Business Management Association (NBMA), was holding club parties as campaign rallies, SAC asked to look at the NBMA books. Explanation of some NBMA financial transactions was not given before the end of a five-day deadline given to Mr. Avetissian, Tom said.

Mike said he had given SAC the books but asked what right SAC had to take him off the ballot because of the club's book.

"They couldn't understand it so I got the bank manager to tell Tom and he found it all right," Mike said about the book. "They can't justify a thing to me."

PUT IN AD

The SUP party had an ad in the Niagara News. The paper came out on the Monday after campaigning had ceased. Tom said he announced space would be available in the paper but didn't know the paper was coming out March 16.

Mike said he was given the okay by Tom to have the ad in the paper.

"It looks dirty, we know it looks dirty," Tom said. "But it's something we felt we had to do."

Mike, who failed in his efforts to get a court injunction to call the election invalid, said he is not finished fighting.

"This is not the end by any means," he said. "The court is going to have to rule another election."

"I want another election day."

After being told he was disqualified, Mike held a meeting in the cafeteria, where he stated his side of the argument and circulated a petition asking for support.

NOT FOR VOTES

"I'm not here to get any votes. I'm here to make sure that SAC upholds the constitution," he told more than 350 students. "All I want is your signature to say

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Avetissian wants new election, asks student body to appeal

Mike Avetissian has called for last week's SAC elections to be declared invalid and for a new election to be scheduled.

SAC withdrew his name from the ballot.

By denying him the right to run for SAC office, SAC is in violation of the council constitution, Mike said in a letter to the Niagara News.

Mike asked the student body of Niagara College "to defend their constitution and their rights by appealing the past two election days and having another two election days scheduled in order to give me my right to run in our student council elections."

Tom Mather, SAC president, had no reason to justify withdrawing his name from the ballot, Mike said. "SAC feels that they can do as they please whether or not they follow the college constitution," Mike said. "I feel that anyone wishing to run for a SAC office has the constitutional right to do so. Our student council cannot deny anyone the right and if they do, they are in violation of our school constitution."

IMPARTIAL COMMITTEE

The new election should be run by a committee of impartial people chosen by the college Board of Governors, Mike said. "There is also a similar clause listed in our college constitution," Mike said.

He was told on March 16 that his name was withdrawn from the ballot "after I had spent almost $300 and three weeks on my campaign," Mike said.

SAC said they suspected him of using the Niagara Business Management Association's (NBMA) money to fund his and the Student Union Party's (SUP) campaign, Mike said. Mike is president of the NBMA.

"It was impossible for me to use NBMA funds," Mike said. "I do not control the funds, nor the books of the club." The club's books were submitted to SAC and proved to be in order, Mike said.

SET GUIDELINES

At the beginning of the campaign week, a meeting was held by SAC to explain some election

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Hans Miethig thanks Ruth Klein and Peter Newman for speaking at an OACETT meeting last March 17. (Photo by Clark)

OACETT setting standards, recognized by most industries

By DOROTHY CLARK
Staff Writer

The Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) is setting standards and gaining recognition for technitions and technologists in industry.

"I am not here to sell it, I am simply here to tell you it exists," Peter Newman, OACETT executive director, told Niagara College students, graduates and staff March 17 in the cafeteria.

OACETT is a non-profit self-governing body dedicated to maintaining the highest possible standards in the practice of engineering technology in Ontario.

OACETT was founded in 1962 with the co-operation of the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario. It now has more than 11,000 members representing all types of industry.

"That's a pot-pourri of people, but that's what OACETT is all about," Ruth Klein, director of publication and communication, said.

Mr. Newman said the briefs OACETT prepares "voice opinions we know are important to us. If we don't speak out for ourselves nobody else will. The association has to prove itself, just as you have to prove yourself individually."

RECOGNIZES PROGRESS

Certification is the official recognition by OACETT of an individual's academic progress and practical work experience in his chosen field. To be certified, an applicant must meet the academic and work requirements established by a certification board, and must be a resident of Ontario.

There are many reasons for becoming a member of OACETT. It is "one way you can ensure that you will know what's going on in your profession — that is, if you read the information they send."

It provides insurance: life, car, home and, perhaps the most important, job insurance.

Tom McGuinness, co-ordinator of the survey technician program, said, "Most organizations today know what OACETT is. Employers have a yardstick as to your ability. If you're not a member, it is up to you to prove yourself. OACETT does it for you."

Mr. Newman said being a member of a professional organization puts one a step ahead of someone else applying for the same job.

JOB OR CAREER?

"One of the things I didn't know enough to ask prospective employers was whether or not they were offering me a career, or just a job. I know now that there is a difference."

A company's internal promotion policies help distinguish the two. Mr. Newman urged students to talk with colleagues "who have been this route" and can help.

"The job market is pretty good, and it is practical and reasonable to ask these questions."

A code of ethics demanding personal integrity and professional competence of its members is the only thing mandatory about OACETT, Mr. Newman said.

OACETT offers many services to its members such as educational guidance, employment referral service, various types of insurance and investments, a salary survey, and publications.

Dr. William Stuart, dean of technology, said, "OACETT wants to get to know you better and wants you to get to know them better."

A slide presentation by Miss Klein opened the evening, which was organized by Hans Miethig, co-ordinator of construction engineering technology, and Dino Morabito, third-year construction student.

New $480 tuition fee, extra costs excluded

Parking costs, graduation fees, and learning materials and clothing retained by the student are not included in next term's $480 tuition fee, a memo to college presidents from the ministry of colleges and universities said.

The new tuition fee, including a $40 registration fee, takes effect in September.

Students must also pay for paint, art paper, paint brushes, transcripts and fees for co-operative work semesters, apart from their tuition, the memo said.

Included in the tuition are laboratory costs, consumable supplies, mandatory field trips and placement, and mandatory travel, other than to the college, where public transit is not available.

Student activity and athletic fees must be paid by the student, and "student activity fees...in the college calendar as registration fees must have an explanatory note explaining exactly what these fees are for," the memo said.

The Niagara College 1980/81 calendar says "registration fees include accident insurance and student activity fee."

"Anyone who reads student activity fee should recognize that it is a Student Administrative Council (SAC) fee as well," Gary LaRose, executive director of Niagara College, said.

Went to newspapers, president not informed

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, asked about the resignation of the co-ordinator of the co-operative education division, said she wasn't aware of any difficulties he was having with the college reconstruction.

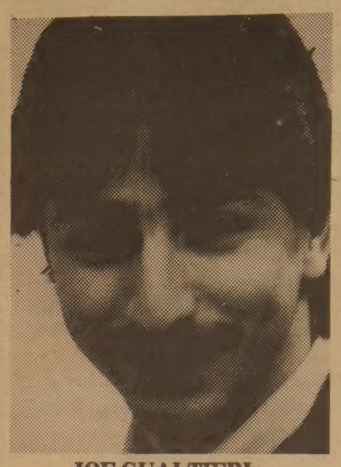
Miss Robarts said Shane Belford, who submitted his resignation on Feb. 16, "hasn't discussed the resignation with me but went straight to the papers." Miss Robarts was asked to comment on the resignation at the Feb. 26 Board of Governors meeting.

Mr. Belford told the Welland Tribune on Feb. 24 that he could not work under restrictions resulting from the recent reorganization at Niagara College. He said this reconstruction would have the effect of "limiting creativity."

The Tribune also said Mr. Belford stated the restrictions would have a negative effect on work in his division and would impair his division's profile in the business community.

The Tribune reported that Mr. Belford plans to go back into business as an advertising and financial consultant.

In January the college announced an administrative reorganization that included formation of a five-member executive committee consisting of Miss Robarts; Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director; Gary LaRose, executive director; John Giancarlo, executive dean and dean of applied arts; and Glenn Pevere, director of personnel services. The new committee was formed to help streamline administrative, support and ac academic structures.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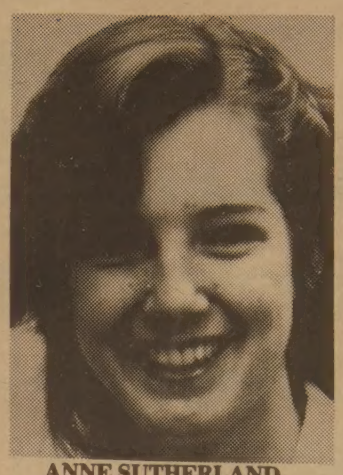
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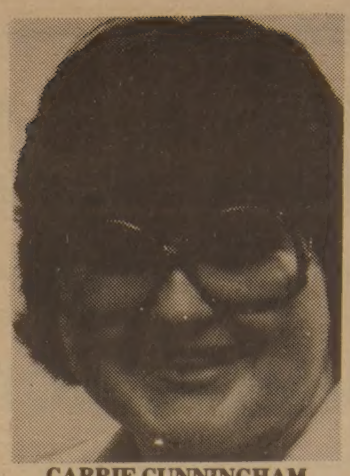
CARRIE CUNNINGHAM

Blizzard try-out

John Surgeoner, 21, a second-year journalism student, will be given an opportunity to try out for the Toronto Blizzard soccer team in early spring.

Last year John played for the St. Catharines Rangers. The executive of the team assessed John's talent, contacted the Blizzard and arrangements were made for a tryout.

John has been playing soccer since he was seven years old on school teams in Ireland and, upon moving to Canada, began to play in organized leagues.

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Defeated candidate wishes winner well

There had to be a winner in the Student Administrative Council (SAC) election last week, Randy Stanley, defeated presidential candidate, said.

"Joe's a very capable person, so losing to him, I don't think is much of a loss. It was nice to see Joe win; if he can do in office what he did during the campaign, things are going to go well."

Randy said Joe got his votes from the satellite campuses "which shows the satellites are taking more of an interest in the main campus."

"I hope Joe realizes that most of the support came from the satellites and from that I hope he realizes that the satellites deserve a lot of attention."

Randy was at home when election results came in. "I wanted to be some place where I could relax." He said that when Al Chonka, vice-president of internal affairs, called him with the results, he was prepared for either decision.

2 OF HIS PARTY

Two members of his party, the Broadcasting party, were elected. Carrie Cunningham was elected vice-president of external affairs and Tom Otto, vice-president of internal affairs.

"I'm glad they won. Carrie, being in the Broadcasting party, has numerous links with the community that will help her in her new SAC position."

He said that Tom, being a broadcaster, has numerous links and connections with record companies, which means good pubs. "Tom likes good parties and I like Tom's parties."

The new SAC executive looks like a good mixture of parties "which could mean two things — either they will learn to work together or things aren't going to work out."

"Thank God for democracies," Randy said. "The vote was open to everyone; the students made their decision and I'm happy with it."

SAC runs election

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) runs its own elections, A. S. Aboud, director of student services, said, when asked if SAC had the right to remove Mike Avetissian from the election ballot.

Mike was removed from the ballot of last week's election because the present SAC executive felt he was not a suitable candidate for the position of SAC president.

"If they have a good reason, I guess they can do it," Mr. Aboud said.

Jackie works for students

Creating a comfortable environment for students to get in to see her is one of the most important things Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College, has done for students during her term of office.

Asked what she thought the most important thing that she's done for students was, Miss Robarts, after some hesitation, said, "I have probably made it possible for any student to feel that they can get to the president whenever they want to."

Miss Robarts said she hasn't been able to build buildings for students, but "if they really are concerned about something, they can come and talk to me about it."

ENROLMENT UP

Enrolment as of Jan. 28 was 2,807, an increase of 254, or 10 per cent, over the same date last year.

Wants students to be satisfied

By SUSAN MOORE
Staff Writer

Joe Gualtieri, winner of the Student Administrative Council (SAC) election last week, said he feels excited and is really happy he won.

Joe, representing the Student Representative Council (SRC) party, won 303 of 504 votes cast for presidential candidates.

"I would like the students to feel free to come to SAC with any problem or needs that have to be satisfied," Joe said. "There was a really good turn-out this year. I also want to thank SAC and the administration for their time and help."

Three other SRC slate members won SAC positions: Anne Sutherland, vice-president of finance; Tony Bianco, club convener; and Terry Cushman, vice-president of athletics.

Other SAC members include Tom Otto, vice-president of internal affairs, Broadcasting party; and Sandra Nash, vice-president of financing, Student Union Party (SUP).

Of Mike Avetissian's cotroversial removal from the election ballot, he said, "Mike brought it all on himself."

He doesn't think SAC was wrong in its decision and the new administration is prepared for what Mike might do, he said. The controversy started from Day 1, he said.

"I sitill feel bad about what happened because I know all the effort that went into campaigning."

Because of the mixuture of slates, the incoming SAC is not just going to take the SRC promises without the consent of the other members, he said.

"Our approach — the need-satisfying approach — will still be the same," Joe said.

He plans a meeting of all the incoming executive to discuss what parts of the three party platforms they will use, he said.

Old magazines date from 1940

Forty-eight copies of Time magazine printed during the Second World War are just part of a collection of 810 magazines dating back to 1940 belor.ging to Mary Szabo of Welland.

Mrs. Szabo phoned the Niagara News to ask whether anyone would like to see the magazines or buy them. She said the collection, all Times, offers a lot to learn and could be used for teaching purposes.

Anyone interested may call Mrs. Szabo at 732-5865.

Emotionally distressed person could be anyone, Doctor says

By ELIZABETH PAYNE
Staff Writer

An exhibitionist could be anyone people associate with every day, Dr. Eileen Alexander, a psychotherapist in private practice in St. Catharines, said.

"It almost seems that the least likely person is the one who engages in this type of behavior."

Dr. Alexander was asked to comment on the flasher who has appeared regularly at the Welland campus over the past year.

She said it would be safe to confront an exhibitionist "if you could be sure it was a simple case of exhibitionism." It is difficult to make a clear recommendation, however, because if it is a more complex disorder the individual could be dangerous.

"We cannot ignore the fact that the person is emotionally and psychologically stressed."

OBTAINS SATISFACTION

Exhibitionism is a form of obtaining emotional and pysical satisfaction, Dr. Alexander said. An exhibitionist is probably insecure and lonely and has a lack of self control. He may act the way he does to be apprehended.

"He has likely had an emotionally deprived upbringing with little or no nurturing from a mother figure." She said he may have lost both parents, emotionally or physically.

Somewhere along the line, an exhibitionist has developed a strong sense of guilt and has the need for punishment. He probably has a distorted sense of right and wrong.

Individuals who are exhibitionists need a great deal of emotional support, but their behavior causes people to be angry and upset with them, Dr. Alexander said. People want to understand them and yet punish them for infringing on others' rights.

These individuals need therapy and have the potential of doing well in therapy, she said. "They need to reaffirm their self-worth, become socially acceptable and learn how to develop relationships."

The possibility must be considered, too, that the Niagara College flasher was devised as an outright prank, she said.

News won't print details

Bulletin — Flasher caught

Editor's note: The Niagara News has been aware of the exhibitionist on campus for the past year but decided against publication of reports about him in the belief that such publicity might encourage the sick person to continue his antics. After the flasher became more bold and more disgusting and students became increasingly concerned, the News decided to cover the story. Peninsula newspapers became aware of the story last week.

However, the News has decided not to encourage these types by publishing details.

People harassed in any way should file detailed reports, including physical descriptions, with a college official as soon as possible.

The News feels it is in its readers' interest to publish only these details of the flasher from Dr. Eileen Alexander, psychotherapist, and Dr. G. A. Alexander, college physician.

Campus exhibitionist could be prankster

The flasher at Niagara College may be causing a lot of unnecessary hysteria among students and faculty Dr. G. A. Alexander, college physician, said.

Dr. Alexander was not aware of the flasher before the beginning of this week.

This type of thing happens at universities and colleges all the time and usually subsides with time, he said. If it is a person just playing a prank he will be sitting back and laughing. There is also the possibility of him being a very sick person who needs counselling, the doctor said.

Dr. Alexander said he was concerned about how the flasher would react if he were confronted. Usually flashers are satisfied with the attention and reactions they receive and do not go any farther.

With the change of season and the full moon periods, people begin to have sexual fantasies, he said, but it could possibly be a person who could have suffered from a sexual misfortune which has caused an inadequate personality.

POOR IMAGE

Dr. Alexander is not necessarily worried about the incident and said he is more concerned with the reflection it could have on the college itself.

"People will be afraid to send their sons and daughters here."

Speculation seems to indicate that the flasher is either a student, a member of staff, or possibly a former student or employee, he said.

He said if the person is that sexually excited he would have acted by now if he was going to cause harm.

EDITORIALS

Offers suggestions to new SAC

The new SAC has a lot of work to do in the coming year. The following are some suggestions on what needs to be done and how to do it.

The new SAC should be prepared to make constitutional changes. This will be a major problem. Many SACs have tried and failed. An amendment to the constitution can only be adopted if five per cent of the student body, or 150 students, have had a vote for or against that change. The trick is to get 150 students to come out to vote.

"There was a suggestion that we have the students vote on the amendment in the cafeteria during lunch hour," 1980-81 president Tom Mather said. "But we want them to understand what's involved."

Tom would like to see two amendments made. One, that the newly elected SAC executive would share the responsibilities of governing with the out-going SAC for the month of April. A sort of orientation. The other amendment would be that bills to SAC should have a cut-off date of Aug. 15 rather than March 31.

Tom hopes the new SAC sees things the way the out-going SAC did, or makes the changes as they see fit. "Either way it has to be done," Tom said.

One possible way to get enough students out to vote on amendments is to make an event of it. Declare a general meeting. General meetings don't have to be dull. There could be door prizes and entertainment. Advertising would be very important and should be done well in advance. Who knows? Maybe general meetings will become more popular than pub night.

When dealing with the Niagara News, don't worry about positive or negative SAC coverage. If it is negative there will probably be reader sympathy. If coverage is positive, who cares? SAC must insist on accuracy. This comes from communication and co-operation. The News only reports what other people say. It doesn't criticize.

The News is receptive to criticism when it is justified. But don't judge the whole News staff on the basis of one staff member's opinions. The rest of the staff, who stand accused of crimes they have yet to commit, may take offence.

Please don't tell a reporter anything "off the record." A reporter normally doesn't want to hear anything that can't be published. It wastes everybody's time.

Main concern should be with accuracy. This does not mean that SAC must read the finished story before it goes to print. That's what editors are for. It does mean that the reporter should leave an interview or meeting with no question in his mind about what has transpired.

This editor wishes the new SAC's next year to be a good and productive one.

James Belyea

Canadian identity unlike others'

Many argue that Canadians have no identity. Rubbish! The Canadian identity, granted, is unlike the French, English or American identity, and, thankfully, our history and geography have dictated a different set of circumstances.

Canadians do not possess an irrational "my country right or wrong mentality," nor are we steeped in a fervent nationalism. Our right hands, during the national anthem, are more often in our pockets than over our hearts.

We are a modest, humble people, yet the state of the country today testifies that Canadians are achievers as well.

Canadian artists, musicians, politicians, athletes, businessmen and writers are second to none, despite the Canadian obsession of belittling their achievements.

Canada is one of the most respected countries in the world; however, our intelligentsia tell us Canadians don't know who they are, where they're going and don't know what purpose they should serve.

Surely, though, we are doing something right if the whole world envies us!

Canada has no single identity, however, and it never will. We will never be a textbook example of a nation. Much of the land's strength comes from its regional diversity. And, after all, in a country as huge as Canada, it is only natural that a Cape Bretoner feels more for his beloved island than for the whole of Canada.

A western farmer can never begin to understand a maritime way of life, but he surely loves the prairies; they are a part of him.

We have a country which respects its regional diversities. Therefore, to strive for a single identity at the risk of destroying precious regional attributes would destroy the unique strength derived from a Canadian diversity.

Yet, what then should hold us together?

The answer is simple. Every Canadian should have a respect for different regional ways of life, have a love of the land — whether it be the Cape Breton highlands or the foothills of Alberta — and should cherish and defend the many freedoms Canadians now enjoy. This is more than enough for people living thousands of miles from one another to have in common.

Moreover, the Canadian concept should demand that we remain committed to one another, for it would be nothing short of criminal to weaken such diverse and prosperous land.

The elusive search for a "Canadian identity" is a farce. Canadian ambitions and energies would be better channelled in building a stronger, more prosperous nation — just as our fathers and grandfathers did, rather than pondering our bellybuttons.

We know who we are and, gradually, we'll come to know where we are going.

Michael Robb

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Ooops

A story in last week's edition of the Niagara News carried a story on page 8 that read "Second-year sales and sales merchandising students will be putting their class-room training into practice..."

The story should have read "Second-year students of the three year marketing management program will be putting their class-room training into practice..."

The captains of the Niagara Knights hockey team, Jim Voisin, and Joe Mitchell hold the trophy their team won on March 13, after defeating Canisius College 7-4. (Photo by Powell)

SAC bashing?

Candidates' accusations concern Niagara News staff

The Niagara News staff is concerned that some candidates in this year's Student Administrative Council (SAC) election have accused the Niagara News of being down on SAC. The Niagara News policy is to report objectively. To investigate whether this policy is being carried out, a reporter has gone through each edition of the Niagara News this year and itemized what has and what has not been said about SAC.

There have been about 35 stories concerning SAC in the Niagara News this year. Most of these were written by two reporters, Susan Moore and Karen Runka, who attended SAC meetings for their beat.

Most of the stories were straight news. They can be put into several categories. There was one on the SAC pub policy; three on satellite relations, concerning the possibility of Hotel and Restaurant Administration leaving SAC; three on SAC funds, including two budget stories, one on SAC legal fees, three about the student survey on annual SAC fees, one about yearbook funds, and about surplus SAC funds; there were six stories concerning members of SAC; one about the video games bought by SAC; five about SAC meetings, including the Florida trip, the Ottawa trip and glass in the parking lot.

There were two Bullpits concerning SAC, one criticizing the energy used by the video games, and one requesting student support for SAC. One editorial referred somewhat negatively to the mechanical bull planned for one pub night. Bullpits and editorials are expressions of individual opinion, and by no means necessarily reflect the opinion of the Niagara News.

Three Roving Reporters questioned students about SAC and two letters to the editor from SAC executive and staff were published criticizing Niagara News coverage of SAC.

Lifestyles

Profiles / Opinions

Al Aboud

Spent life with students, director retires this year

By KEN HARE
Staff Writer

Al Aboud, retiring director of student services, said serving as liaison with student governments at Niagara College has been a refreshing and enjoyable part of his work

"My whole life has been with students," Mr. Aboud said. "I've always found them to be very reasonable and courteous."

Having worked at Niagara since 1968, Mr. Aboud, 60, said one aspect of change that stands out is the college's growth over the years.

During his first few years at the college, he did student recruiting himself and found it interesting to see the rapid growth in the number of students attending.

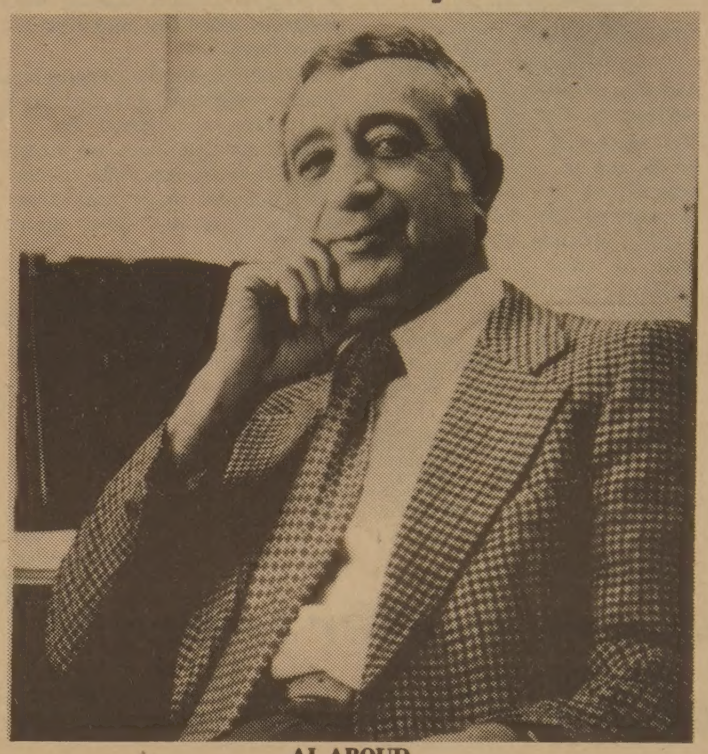
"When I came there were 400 students and now there are 3,000," he said.

Mr. Aboud was born in Haileybury, a small mining town in northern Ontario. When he was still a child, a major fire burned most of the town to the ground. He and his family, as well as most of the population, were forced to leave and find a home elsewhere.

"We got on a freight train and got off at Smiths Falls, Ont., and that's where I grew up," he said.

After attending primary and secondary school in Smiths Falls, Mr. Aboud attended the University of Guelph which was then known as the Ontario Agricultural College, a facility of the University of Toronto. Taking a general science course, he got his bachelor of science degree in agriculture.

In 1945 he enlisted in the army and, after his discharge, went to the Ontario College of Education where he got his teaching certificate. He later taught math and physical education at the secondary school level.



AL ABOUD

"One of the reasons I went into physical education was because I was very active in high school and university athletics," he said.

After a year working at Fanshawe College in 1967, Mr. Aboud came to Niagara College and settled in Fonthill with his wife and two children. Prior to working at Fanshawe, he had obtained his master of education degree at Florida Atlantic University in Florida.

As director of student services at Niagara, Mr. Aboud had to administer to a number of areas ranging from athletics and recreation to student placement. He looked after recruitment, food services, student housing, and student transportation as well.

"It is very interesting work," he said, "particularily my role with the students."

Mr. Aboud said he has been too busy to think about his retirement at the end of this year.

"It's a good way to be," he said. "I'll just continue with my normal duties until this summer. I have a cottage up north where I'll spend a few months each summer."

What to do in the winter months is what concerns Mr. Aboud the most. He said he will probably spend some time down south where he can keep active in recreational sports.

Aptitude tests not always true picture

Aptitude tests may not always give true pictures of a person's intelligence, Dorothy Bartram, college counsellor said.

"A test is not a person," she said. "A test is only a representation of how you did, that time, that day."

Counselling, in the Tecumseh extension, is able to give many types of aptitude tests. The one most used is the general aptitude test battery (GATB).

During a week, about nine people, students and area residents, sit in a room in counselling and take the three-hour GATB test.

Most of the tests counselling gives are interest tests, Ms. Bartram said. These aptitude tests are different from the personality and behavior tests that can be given to a prospective employee.

"The tests (given by employers) usually try to find out what type of personality the person has and the amount of stress one can go through."

ONE YARDSTICK

Kenneth Anderson, college placement officer, said the tests given to some graduates by prospective employers are just one of the yardsticks of getting a job.

"They don't base the job on the aptitude test," he said.

Gordon McPherson, college counsellor, said some people fool themselves into thinking that aptitude tests will tell them what they are best at.

"Tests don't tell you what you are best at," he said. "They won't measure all of you."

He said some people think that somewhere there is someone or something that will tell them what to do with the rest of their lives.

LIMITED INFORMATION

"Tests don't tell you what to do," he said. "They give you very limited information about yourself."

Tests are only used to gather information, he said. Sometimes the best place to start, when looking for an occupation, is one's own goals and values.

"You have to work out your own preferences," Mr. McPherson said. "Are you prepared to do what the job needs — hours, pay, etc.?"

Mr. McPherson said each person usually knows what he or she will do on a particular test.

"In 80 per cent of the cases, when an individual knows what the test is about, the person can estimate accurately what he will get on the test."

CAN BE DISTORTED

He said the validity of a test can be distorted by distracting environments.

Some physical kinds of distractions can alter the results of tests. The type of room, noises and even the amount of time given can alter the score.

Students can go to counselling and make appointments to take the GATB. A counsellor will discuss the uses of the test when the appointment is made.

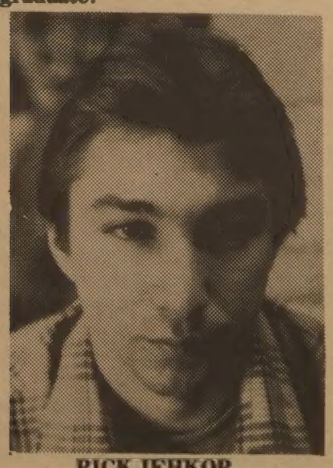
When the results are complete, a counsellor will go over them with the person, stressing the areas the person would need work in for certain occupations.

The counsellor will stress that the GATB is only one way of getting information about a person.

Roving Reporter:

By SHEELAGH CAYGILL and ELIZABETH PAYNE
Staff Writers

Do you have a job when you graduate?

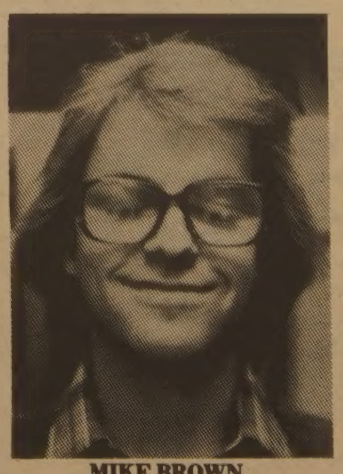


RICK JEHKOP

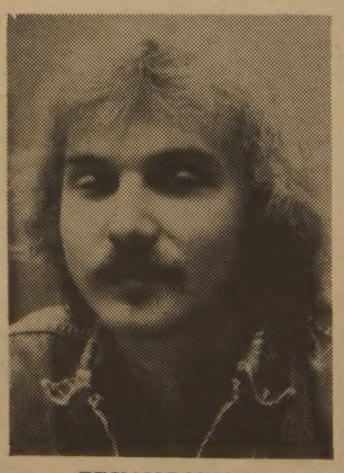
Rick Jehkop, 20, second-year electrical engineering: No I don't have a job yet — no interviews. It's hard to say; I'll wait a month and find out.

Sandy Sommerville, 20, second-year library technician: Yes, I will be working for Hamilton Public Library. So far I think I'm the only one in my class with a job.

Mike Brown, 20, third-year personnel management: I have a job but not through the school.



MIKE BROWN



BRYAN BODNAR

Bryan Bodnar, 21, third-year radio and television: No, but I went on a work week to CHCH Hamilton and sent an application. I intend sending other applications. There are only four of us in third-year RTV — one guy has a job. The market is tough this year.

Gail Dilamarter, 20, second-year fashion arts: No, I don't have a job yet but I have interviews for jobs. I hope to find one.

Kelly Moberly, 25, second-year library technician: No, I don't have a job. I'm working part-time now; I hope I get a full-time job but I don't think so.

KELLY MOBERLY

Just what was said

Following is the statement issued by Tom Mather, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, announcing that Mike Avetissian's name had been removed from the election ballot:

STATEMENT

After much consideration and thought, the SAC executive has negated the candidacy of Mike Avetissian for president.

Taking into consideration a number of reports and questionable tactics, we felt that Mr. Avetissian was not a suitable candidate for the position of SAC president.

Certain guidelines were set up prior to the campaign and we felt that Mr. Avetissian had transgressed a number of the parameters.

This was not an easy decision to make. However, looking at the situation carefully, we saw no other alternative.

Tom Mather
SAC President

Weight Watchers

Chest out, stomach in lose weight, be thin

Hey, excessively flabby or slightly overweight people at Niagara College, Mary Mach of Weight Watchers is here. She'll not only show how to lose weight while maintaining a nutritious diet but Mrs. Mach will give advice on changing eating habits so one can keep that terrific figure once those extra pounds are gone.

"It's great to learn how to count calories or go to a weight loss clinic," Mrs. Mach said, "but you have to keep the weight off and change eating habits. It's all in the head."

MARY MACH

STRESS FACTOR

Mrs. Mach, who has been a member of Weight Watchers for five years, said stress can make people overeat and "in this day and age stress is a big part of life but overeating will not make life any easier."

Although there are many different reasons and times during the day when people overeat, evening is usually the time when people eat more than is necessary, Mrs. Mach said. A primary thing people must do when losing weight is recognize when and why they overeat. Identifying these factors helps one come to terms with overeating and rectify the problem.

As supervisor of Weight Watchers in the Niagara peninsula, Mrs. Mach said the Weight Watchers' program is medically sound and it's "so varied there's no reason why you can't do what you want to do." Weight Watchers stresses nutrition and believes good eating habits are essential for good health, so protein is a "must at each meal but must be eaten only at mealtimes."

LOTS TO EAT

Following the Weight Watchers' program a participant must have at least 16 ounces of milk a day or eight ounces of milk and half a cup of unsweetened yogurt. One must have "four eggs a week" and "up to four ounces of cheese." Protein is also available in fish, meat and, of course, peanut butter, Mrs. Mach said.

Although only three meat meals a week are allowed, there is lots of room for salads and vegetables, Mrs. Mach said. Alcohol is fattening so only four ounces of wine or champagne are allowed and "eight ounces of regular beer or 12 ounces of light."

TWO BATTLES

If one is trying to lose weight and stop smoking it's "definitely difficult to fight two battles," Mrs. Mach said. "It's usually best to do one at a time but that depends on the individual." In overcoming any bad habit, "a positive attitude is needed, you have to want to lose weight "before starting a Weight Watchers' program."

The lectures are arranged through the health centre nurse, Marion Kerr, because Weight Watchers realize it's not always feasible for students to participate in a Weight Watchers' program, because of either money or time. Information about the lectures is available at the health centre.

Student petition says bookstore inadequate

A student petition has requested that the bookstore provide more of a service to the students of Niagara College.

The petition, signed by 30 students, requested that the bookstore have an adequate supply of stamps, envelopes and writing paper. A stamp machine is sought so that stamps are available when the bookstore is out of them.

Personal items like shampoo, feminine hygiene items and shaving cream were asked for. It pointed out that there are many out-of-town students who cannot get to stores easily and other college bookstores have these items.

RUN OUT

The petition said it appears the bookstore staff does not order anything until it has run out of items and this causes many inconveniences.

The petition accused the staff of not treating the students in a civil manner and said thatseveral students have been unable to return books even though they had not been touched or written on and were accompanied by a receipt.

SURPRISED

Mary Cunningham, bookstore supervisor, was surprised there had been a petition submitted to the Student Administrative council (SAC) and said no one on the bookstore staff had been approached by students requesting personal products.

Mrs. Cunningham said she has sent two questionnaires to students asking for their ideas, but both "fizzled out."

Students have to follow return procedures when returning their books, she said.

If books are for a course, students cannot be given refunds. "In all fairness it's the only way to do it," she said.

The number of stamps the bookstore has is submitted to the accounting department. The bookstore provides the service for the students but it is not a post office outlet. If a post office is required, there is one at the Seaway Mall and at the Avondale on Fitch Street. The bookstore tries to limit stamps to 10 per person so it does not run out. No one has ever complained about running out of stamps and there has never been a major problem because of it, she said.

The bookstore orders supplies according to student demand. "Everything is so iffy; one year we order something and it doesn't sell and the next year we can't order enough," Mrs. Cunningham said.

Sneaking peanut butter snacks can be hazardous to your diet

By KEN HARE
Staff Writer

I stand accused and must admit my guilt having been caught red-handed with the goods. Caught, trying to smuggle my possession as if it were a precious gem that I must get through customs unnoticed.

It seems a shame that something as ordinary as a peanut butter sandwich has to be treated as though it were an illegal narcotic, but such is the case on a strict diet.

It was at this point I said to myself quite bluntly: To hell with it! And the same goes for the 14-day Scarsdale Medical Diet. For five days I nibbled on vegetables as if I were some pitiful wintering rabbit content with a carrot stick.

How did I do on the diet? Quite well actually, having lost 15 pounds in five days. Many people took away some of the glory by informing me that more than half my weight loss was probably body water. Everyone's a doctor.

Having started the diet on a Monday, I rapidly lost three pounds on my first full day. By Friday morning I was 185 pounds, down from 200 when when I started.

How did I feel? Light, bouncy, vigorous? Anaemic would be more like it. The diet guarantees the dieter that it is safe if followed to the tee. I came to the conclusion I didn't eat enough lean meats. Gradually, over the weekend I would make up for those foods I missed during the week. By the following Monday I was 190 pounds.

Of course what I did eat over the weekend wasn't exactly on the diet either. The peanut butter sandwich was only the beginning. By that time I had directed all my lustful desires toward food. Craving for food that had been taken for granted before, I was driven to the brink of insanity by my brother who ate four peanut butter sandwiches in my presence.

I realized that food is all around us. Magazine ads building Big Macs, and those late night television commercials for pizza. To heck with that news assignment or not, I'd rather write of my failure than my insanity.

By Wednesday of the second week I was 192 pounds. Going back to the diet and doing some exercise at night, I got back down to 188. But on Thursday, Feb. 26, I was in heaven. Dining at the Rainbow Centre in Niagara Falls, I had a meal created and served by students of Niagara College's hotel and restaurant administration program. I topped it off with two manhattan cocktails (also a no-no when dieting).

With three days left to diet, I said forget it. What I did not do was over-eat. On the last day of the diet I still only weighed 190 pounds. Not the 20 pounds that the diet advertised could be lost in two weeks but I was happy to have lost 10 pounds.

200 courses to be offered

More than 200 courses are being offered by the continuing education department for the upcoming spring and summer terms, Eugene Gillies, director of continuing education, said.

Registration will begin March 27. The number of people who register for courses will determine how many of the 200 courses will actually run.

Brochures will be available for those people who show an interest in one of the courses. The high cost of brochures has made this necessary, Mr. Gillies said.

Some of the courses will begin April 27.

$30,000 word machines speed college production

Education and student services has purchased three new word processors that will "increase productivity considerably," Bea Ferguson, word processing manager, said.

"The new machines will cut production time nearly in half," Mrs. Ferguson said. "They will also cut down the error factor."

The new machines will eliminate many steps in the preparation of a publication; the machines will be linked directly to an advertising agency in St. Catharines. The copy will not need to be typed on paper or touched by human hands, she said.

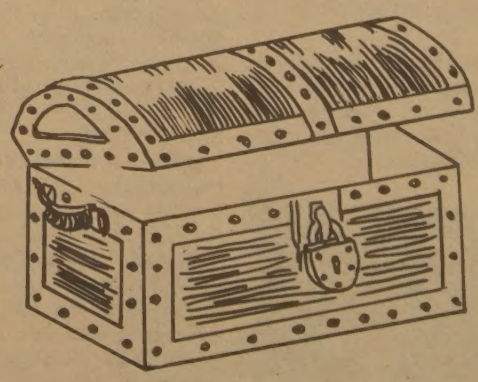
The machines were purchased from Digital Equipment of Canada for "between $30,000 and $40,000." Separately, the machines are $16,000 or $17,000," but "we got them for considerably less because we bought three," Mrs. Ferguson said.

Education and student services is responsible for flyers, the college calendar and other information publications the college distributes.

Digital Equipment has loaned one machine to the college until the three others are delivered in the summer, Mrs. Ferguson said.

CASTAWAYS

A treasure trove for Bargain Hunters



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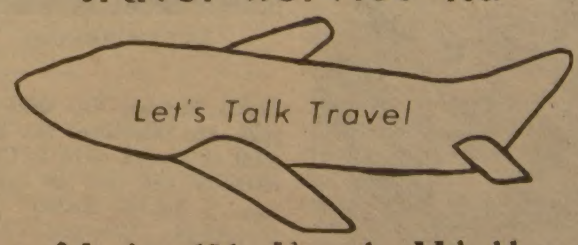

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ENTERTAINMENT

Lazair safe, enjoyable, moderately priced

A pilot demonstrates the twin-engine powered Lazair in mid-flight. The aircraft, belonging to the microlight class, has won awards for its design which is attributed to Dale Kramer of Port Colborne.

By ROB ROY
Staff Writer

Gas is getting expensive, too expensive to just hop into a car any time and drive away. But now, thanks to the genius of a local aviator, a safe, enjoyable and reasonably inexpensive aircraft is available for anyone old enough to drive a car.

The Lazair (lazy air) aircraft, designed by 23-year-old Dale Kramer of Port Colborne in 1978, "is a rigid, three axis" controlled aircraft weighing about 140 pounds which can carry one person.

"It is controlled by a single overhead stick" like the one in a small airplane but this is the only thing needed to operate the Lazair. Equipped with two six-horsepower chainsaw motors attached to the front of the main wing, the control stick of this $4,300 machine is attached to a system of rudders and elevators or ruddervators which are a part of its v-shaped tail.

Mr. Kramer began flying at the age of 17 when he received his pilot's licence, carrying on a family tradition because everyone in his family, except his mother, flies. He spent 2½ years at the University of Toronto in aerospace engineering before leaving to start the company, Mrs. Kramer said.

The idea for the Lazair partially came from a design known as the Superfloater and this was what got him really interested in designing.

"It will be asked that all microlight pilots will be registered" for safety purposes and to keep track of the number of pilots in this division in Canada, she said. As of January of this year, new regulations came into effect to control who is eligible to fly an aircraft of this class. "Pilots will be required to write a small written exam on the rules of the air" basically "so they know where they can fly" legally.

"They are looking towards allowing a two-seater for instructional purposes only." Mrs. Kramer said in reference to the ministry of transport's regulation allowing for no more than one person in this aircraft at one time.

The Lazair, which can use wheels, pontoons or skis as landing gear, is one technological advance likely to make the flying future a winged reality.

DOES 40 MPH

The craft's frame is made of aluminum, covered with nylon and plastic foam ribbing in the main wings all of which help to keep the Lazair, able to do 40 miles per hour at top speed, in the air.

Ultraflight, Mr. Kramer's company at 6 George St., Port Colborne, is two years into production with most sales evenly split between Canada and the United States. A few aircraft have been sold to people from Australia and Abudhabi, Linda Kramer, the 24-year-old office manager and wife of the owner, said.

Dealerships have been set up in Western Canada, Ontario, Michigan and North Carolina with most of them being established in the past three months, Mrs. Kramer said.

Local jazz concert creates awareness

The Welland public library presented a jazz concert on March 14 which featured guitarist Dan Kozar, 27, of Welland. The concert was held, in part, to make people more aware of the jazz element which exists in the peninsula.

In addition to performing some of his own material, Mr. Kozar, accompanied by three Welland musicians, played standard jazz laced with rock, blues, and even Johann Sebastian Bach.

After performing for 12 years with groups ranging from 18-piece jazz bands to trios, the guitarist said he has become more a part of his music which he says is like "painting a picture with sound."

"My music allows me to stretch out and show myself."

Accompanying Mr. Kozar at the library concert were Rick Taragos, 25, on drums; Randy Coons, 20, on percussion, and Bill Walker, 15, on bass guitar.

On March 28, Mr. Kozar and artist Kurt Swinghammer, 23, will present a combination of "art and music" at the Centennial library in St. Catharines.

The presentation will be one of the first visual music shows performed in the Niagara region and will feature a slide presentation ranging from nature studies to abstract designs collected by Mr. Swinghammer, combined with the improvisational jazz guitar of Mr. Kozar.

The free performance will start at 3 p.m. at the Church Street library and will be sponsored by NAC in collaboration with the St. Catharines Musicians Association.

PC stickers on machines

Ed Kerrigan, Niagara Frontier Caterers employee, is upset that Progressive Conservative stickers have been pasted on four vending machines at the college.

"The stickers are hard to remove," Mr. Kerrigan said. "We don't appreciate political material on our machines. We don't mind students advertising on our machines because they usually remove the material."

Engineering fair April 8

300 exhibits at Niagara

The Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair will line the halls of Niagara College with more than 300 exhibits April 8.

There will be four categories: junior, juvenile, intermediate, and senior for student in Grade 8 and up.

Cash awards will be given to the first, second, and third place winners in each category. Winner of the senior category will go on to an international fair in Milwaukee, Wis., and the winner of the intermediate category will go on to a Canada-wide fair in Waterloo.

Seventy judges from local industry, Brock, and the college will decide the winners.

This is the second time the fair has been held here.

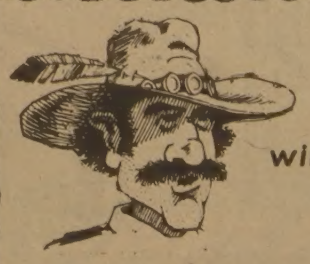
Goodbye

As this is the last edition of the Niagara News produced by the second-year journalism students, we wish to thank all our readers for their support.

We will have fond memories of our time at Niagara College and hope we have fulfilled our obligation in covering the news as best we can for the student body.

Good luck to the first-year students who will continue production of the Niagara News for the rest of the school year.

We hope they will enjoy their experience as much as we have.



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ENTERTAINMENT

FRANKENSTEIN LIVES!

Deryck Smith and Pam Weston are starring in Niagara Theatre Centre's production of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. The play is to be shown from April 20 to 25 at the Theatre Centre, 54 Empire St., Welland. (Photo by Lawson)

INTO program helps women enter traditional male jobs

By JOHN SURGEONER
Staff Writer

Always willing to help father repair damages around the house, joining the cubs, enjoying vigorous sports and always wanting to learn more about the masculine aspects of life. The typical little boy. Well, not quite, because this was the childhood of Karin Coleman, a graduate of the Introduction to Non-Traditional Occupations (INTO) program offered by Niagara College.

Since Karin can remember, she has always been a tomboy, interested in male activities as opposed to more girlish pastimes.

"I've always turned my family eyeballs around. When I was seven, I was right up there helping my father repair the shingles on the roof."

She joined the cubs when she was 10 and loved to compete in track and field, right up to high school. Now, after eight weeks in the INTO program, she is completing Grade 12 upgrading before entering a welding program with hopes of obtaining her certification and then finding a job.

At 28, Karin has had her share of troubles. Married at a young age, she divorced four years ago and now supports two children, a 10-year-old daughter and a nine-year-old son. She is in the midst of a legal battle with her former husband over custody of their children.

Along with this she must pay rent and try to provide for her children with the mother's allowance provided by the government.

But now, thanks to the INTO program, Karin has a chance to change all that.

"The course gives us (women)

KARIN COLEMAN

a chance to have a stand in life and not be dependent on anyone", Karin said.

Through lectures, trips to factories and plants in the area and general job readiness training, the women in INTO are prepared for entry into skilled-trade training programs for jobs which have traditionally been occupied by males.

"The purpose of the program is to end sex discrimination and job discrimination," Karin said.

She remembers the times before INTO as being "very hard."

"Everyone I knew was working. I was leading a very strict home life."

She found out about INTO through a friend and immediately went to talk to her social worker. The social worker then referred her to the course.

"I've got a lot more respect everyone since I joined the program," Karin said.

Apart from taking care of her children and attending school five days a week, Karin also finds time to serve as secretary for the Welland Vale student government. She is now serving her second term in that capacity.

Karin said she has no reservations about moving from the Niagara region when she has completed her welding program.

"I'll go wherever there's a job."

INTO is now in its fourth year and has placed women in occupations ranging from crane operators to working with computers, Angela North, a teaching master in the course, said.

"The course is designed to expand the women's awareness," she said. It gives women the confidence to enter jobs traditionally male-oriented. Women working in non-traditional jobs lecture the students on how to handle the positions. One such role model is Jacqueline Robarts, president of Niagara College and the only female to occupy such a position in any community college in Ontario, Mrs North said.

The course also has an upgrading system which helps students improve their education. Karin is involved with this aspect of the program so that she can obtain her Grade 12.

Karin's position is not unique in INTO, however.

"There are a lot of people in my position," Karin said. "INTO gives them a chance to be independent."

So INTO, offered at Welland, Niagara Falls and Welland Vale campuses, not only helps women enter traditional male jobs, it also is a means for women to provide for themselves.

Retiring chef enjoys every minute at NC

By IRENE YURCICH
Staff Writer

The Niagara College kitchen will be missing one of its main ingredients come June.

John Hubeny, chef, will be retiring June 30 after working at the college for six years.

The last thing on earth he wanted to be was a chef. He said he wanted to be a mechanic or anything else, but not a chef.

Brought up during the depression in Czechoslovakia, he said his father could not afford to send him to school for higher education. He managed to complete Grade 8.

At the age of 14, he started working as a cook to earn his room and board. He worked 18 to 19 hours a day without pay. At that time they used coal stoves.

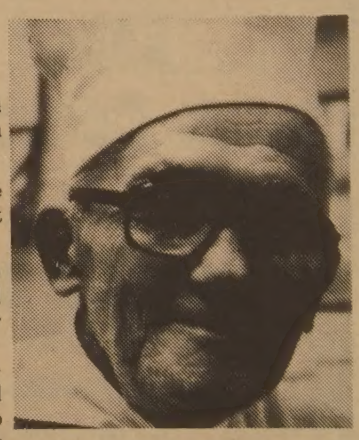
The chief cooks were very hard on him, he said, and many times would beat him.

He spent another four years working at the National House in Prague and got his chef's papers. He worked for night clubs, restaurants and summer hotels.

Times were tough and he wanted to leave the country but was not allowed to. He said he wanted to work in France or Switzerland but it was impossible.

He did spend some time doing army duty. In 1940 he married and has one son.

He arrived in Canada after his brother, Joe, living in Toronto had written a letter to the government saying he needed his brother to help him in the glass business in Canada.



JOHN HUBENY

He came to Toronto in 1948 at the age of 32. His first job was working in the pastry department of the CPR Hotel. He earned $30 for two weeks. Four years later, he changed to the Jiffy Catering Company, the largest in Toronto at that time. Here he met John Chotka, who started his own business in St. Catharines, the Niagara Frontier Caterers. Mr. Chotka invited Mr. Hubeny to work for him and he liked the idea of moving to St. Catharines.

He started working for Niagara Frontier Caterers in 1956, and has worked for them for the past 25 years.

In 1974 he was asked to work at Niagara College and says he has enjoyed every minute of it.

Each year, he is responsible for producing the meals, cakes and desserts for five graduations.

After his retirement he is planning to take it easy and tend his garden. He said he might do some travelling.

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RON CZERLAU (Photo by Surgeoner)

Welland Vale student pioneer, equipment helps Ron's sight

By JOHN SURGEONER
Staff Writer

When one mentions pioneers to Ron Czerlau, a student at the Welland Vale campus, he imagines a bunch of hillbillies driving around the countryside in a flatbed truck, wearing straw hats and drinking moonshine. But a pioneer is an initiator, one who leads the way, and when thought of in this sense, the term applies to Ron.

Ron is 26, is blind in one eye, has only five per cent vision in the other and is the first person with such a condition to work his way through a Niagara College course using special equipment.

"I guess you could say I'm kind of a pioneer," he said.

TV camera

The equipment Ron uses is not very complicated. It consists of a TV camera, obtained from St. Catharines public library, which is hooked up to a television set provided by the audio-visual department of Welland Vale.

When Ron places materials he needs for class under the camera, the contents are increased to a legible size and shown on the TV screen. The audio-visual department also supplies Ron with a tape recorder to record his lessons.

"The equipment's been a great help," Ron said.

Ron has been in the academic upgrading course at Welland Vale for a little more than a year now and he enjoys the course very much.

The main subjects are English and mathematics with some class discussion. It was Ron's English instructor, Elizabeth Simpson, who obtained the TV camera from the library.

"The camera is on loan from the library, but it must be returned if they need it," Mrs. Simpson said. "The ideal thing would be to have such equipment owned by the school."

Ron has been inflicted with his ailment all his life, but since he is not totally blind, he did not attend any special schools at first. Instead he tried to work through the Welland public school system, "but that just didn't seem to work out."

After that there followed many years of moving from one institution to another, starting with the Brantford School for the Blind through Arc Industries and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. None of these seemed to work out either, however.

"They were all just temporary things to see what I could do," Ron said.

Music

He said he enjoys reading, listening to music and "muddling around with old door locks." He also passes his time doing odd jobs for people.

Ron has no immediate plans on what he will do when he is finished.

"Now all I'm really interested in is making it through each day," he said.

McNaughton Centre: new tech. library for IEEE

A technical library will be established for members of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) at the college.

The proposal to set up the library, called a McNaughton Centre, was accepted at a meeting of the central Canada council of the IEEE in Toronto March 7 and 8. A McNaughton Centre is a library of technical books printed by the IEEE.

Incoming executive of the IEEE and instructors attended the meetings and workshops to learn an effective way of running IEEE within the college, Joe Kopec, co-ordinator of electronic engineering technology, said.

From Niagara College were: Frank Ciccarelli, chairman, chemical, electrical and electronics division, and student activities committee chairman for Canada; Mr. Kopec, John Kuchyt, Dave Biletchi, Brad Saunders, and Mark Feldbauer.

Seneca, Fanshawe, Conestoga, Centennial, Radio College of Canada and the University of Western Ontario also had representatives present. There were about 30 members involved.

Biletchi new chairman, IEEE election Feb. 28

Dave Biletchi, second-year power engineering technology, was elected chairman of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Others elected were: Brad Saunders, vice-chairman; Kerry Prytula, treasurer; and Bruno Allard, secretary, all second-year computer technology students.

This executive will then appoint an activities chairman, a parts chairman, and a calculator salesman.

A closed executive meeting was held Thursday, March 12, to familiarize the incoming executive with their future responsibilities.

NC journalism graduate to be N.S. managing ed.

Rob Paxton, graduate of the journalism-print program at Niagara College, will become managing editor of The Daily News, a Truro, N.S., newspaper on April 6, 1981.

Mr. Paxton is news editor of the Welland Evening Tribune. He graduated from the program in 1972.

"I'm looking forward to going," he said. He said the new job means a challenge and meeting new people but "I'll miss the Welland area."

His new job, managing editor of The Daily News, was offered to him by the Nova Scotia paper. He has never worked anywhere but Welland.

The job in Nova Scotia means more responsibility for him. He said at the Tribune he looked after one department and, in his new job, "I will be responsible for all departments, all the news."

Mr. Paxton was born in St. Catharines. He and his wife, Cecile, have one son, Marc, who is just over a year old.

Two seminars, April 14, 21

The continuing education division of Niagara College will present two computer seminars April 14 and 21 at the Holiday Inn, St. Catharines.

The first, entitled Computer Control Capabilities for Manufacturers, will cover the impact of computer based manufacturing from inventory control to production scheduling to capacity planning.

The second, Management and Implementation of a Computer Control System, will cover the feasibility of a computer system selecting the right implementation schedule to monitoring the schedule.

The seminar leader will be Gerhard Fiedler, president of Peri Myc Consulting; the firm specializes in installation of complete computer systems.

Both seminars are all-day events and include a luncheon and a complimentary bar. No previous computer knowledge is required, a publicity pamphlet said.

Registration is $90 per seminar or $150 for both. Applications are available at the continuing education office in Hennepin Hall.

Tremendous act

Lost purse returned, 'pleasant surprise'

Ruth White, an instructor in interior design, was "pleasantly surprised at the honesty" and grateful for the return of her lost purse by Joan Theriault, first-year social services.

Mrs. White felt the act was "really tremendous" and said there was "quite a bit of money" in the purse at the time.

A modest Ms. Theriault declined to make any comments or to be photographed.

The purse was lost at about 10:30 a.m. Feb. 26 when Mrs. White set it on top of her car while unlocking the door and then drove from one of the school parking lots.

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It was a rare occasion on March 13 when the Niagara Knights hockey team beat Canisius College 7-4 to win the playoff championship — only the fourth team in Niagara College's 14-year history to win a championship.

The hockey team joins:

Niagara College Golf Team	1975-76
Niagara College Women's Basketball Team	1970
Niagara College Women's Volleyball Team	1970

Knights go all the way!

Front row, left to right: Ray Ravazzola, Paul Berstling, Jim Voisin, co-captain; Don Nadeau, Joe Mitchell, co-captain; Randy Kerr and Brad Boyd. Second row, left to right: coach Fred Bassi, Bruno Skubel, Jay Horton, Dave Harrison, Richard Alt, Ladd Stats, Bob Beres, John Mann, Flavio Roversi, Greg Johnstone, Jim O'Laughlin, Rick Fortuna, Martin Bjorgan, Ken McCreedy, manager, and Gord McPherson, assistant coach.

(Photo by Powell)

By ROSEMARY POWELL
Staff Writer

Friday March 13 was definitely not an unlucky night for the members of the Niagara Knights hockey team when they defeated Canisius College 7-4 to win the playoff championship — the first hockey championship in the college's 14-year history.

The Knights eliminated Erie Community College in the first round of the playoffs 7-4 on March 12 to win a playoff berth. The same evening Canisius eliminated Buffalo State from further competition 5-4.

"The guys did a hell of a job," Fred Bassi, coach of the Knights, said. "I said a long time ago that the key to a team is unity and that's what we showed. The guys never let up. They dug deep and helped each other."

It was a very emotional ending for the happy Niagara Knights but they fought hard to deserve the championship.

Before the final game, Mr. Bassi said the key to their game would be to stay out of the penalty box, as four out of the five goals Canisius scored against Buffalo State were powerplays.

DESPITE PENALTIES

However, Niagara's key to the playoff win was all around good hockey because they achieved it despite 18 minutes in penalties compared to six for Canisius.

Niagara led after the first period 1-0 and by the end of the second had built a strong three-goal lead with the score left at 4-1 to start the final frame.

Canisius was able to get on the scoreboard towards the end of the second period to make it 3-1 for Niagara but with 1:27 to go, Rick Alt scored the "big goal" to give Niagara the commanding lead.

Niagara put the icing on the cake in the third period when captain Jim Voisin scored a shorthanded goal. Niagara never looked back.

Mr. Bassi said Gordie McPherson, assistant coach, was "valuable to have."

"Gordie was a tremendous help with the team," he said.

Scoring for Niagara were: Rick Alt with two goals, Jim Voisin, Joe Mitchell, Paul Berstling, Moe Bjorgan and Randy Kerr, all with one each.

Kerr scored the final goal for Niagara into an empty net with three seconds to go in the game.

Pleases president

Jacqueline Robarts, college president, was "very, very pleased" to hear the Niagara Knights hockey team won the playoff championships on March 13.

"I think it's terrific," she said. "I'll make sure the team knows I'm pleased."

Miss Robarts said the championship is great for the college and a credit to the students.

"Last year they came so close."

Successful season, lose in OCAA finals

The women's basketball team, after a successful season with 10 wins and eight losses, was eliminated from the Ontario College Athletic Association basketball championships by St. Lawrence College 59-64.

"We were ahead 24-12 when two of our starters were injured," coach Russ Stevenson said.

At about half-way into the first half, Cindy Deterling injured her knee and was unable to play out the rest of the game; Carolyn St. Angelo jammed the fingers on her right hand which affected her shooting the rest of the game, Mr. Stevenson said.

INJURIES HURT

"We were riding an emotional high but the injuries really deflated us," he said. "Without the injuries we could have gone all the way."

St. Lawrence, the team Niagara had been beating until the injuries occurred, lost to Mohawk by only two points and Mohawk went on to eventually win the championship, Mr. Stevenson said.

High scorers for Niagara in the March 12 game at Seneca were Carolyn St. Angelo, 12; Betty Vanruyven, 10 and Fran Russell, 10. High scorers for St. Lawrence were Leigh Fitzpatrick, 21; Kim Porter, 16, and Rosemary Jose, 8.

"We had a good year," Mr. Stevenson said. "I'm pleased with the girls and their efforts."

He is looking forward to next year and said he has a good nucleus returning from this year's team.

"I'm hoping next year will be a banner year," he said.

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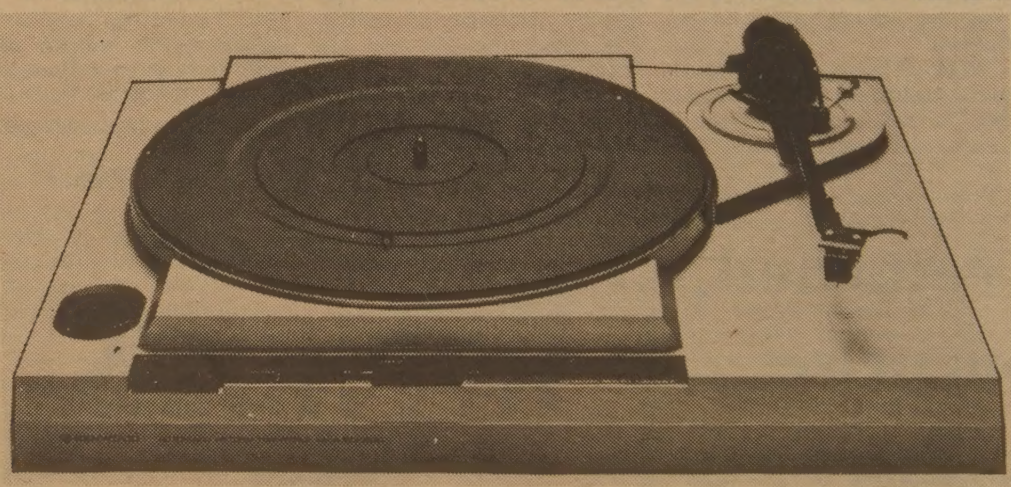

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Rosemary on hockey *Brad on basketball*

NEWS staff selects top athletes

By ROSEMARY POWELL
and BRAD HEATH
Staff Writers

Although all Niagara College athletes deserve recognition for their services to teams, there are a few who have made outstanding contributions.

Since this is the last edition of the Niagara News produced by the second-year class, we who have covered sports have taken upon ourselves the difficult task of selecting outstanding competitors from each team.

We have selected Carolyn St. Angelo from the women's basketball team as top female athlete of the year and Jim Voisin from the Niagara Knights hockey team as top male athlete.

Basketball

After following both basketball teams all season, I feel the students of Niagara College should be proud of this year's men's and women's teams and the time, effort and energy they gave.

The women's basketball team deserves special mention for its efforts this year. The team finished fourth in its division with 10 wins and eight losses and went to the Ontario College Athletic Association championships but was eliminated after the first game.

All the players and coaches Russ Stevenson and Barry Golob deserve the thanks of all students at Niagara for the fine job they did representing the college.

This is the first year since about 1971 that the women's team has reached the finals, Mr. Stevenson said.

The men's team did not do as well as the women's team this year and finished with only one win to its credit. Although they only won one game, they never gave up and should be proud of their efforts.

Hockey

It was a tough decision picking outstanding contributors from the Niagara Knights hockey team as the whole team and coaches should be congratulated for their playoff championship.

I took great pride in covering the hockey team this year, as each and every team member gave his utmost during every game. Not once could Niagara fans leave a game feeling discouraged with their team's showing.

For those who were unable to watch their college team, you missed your chance to see some exciting hockey.

Congratulations to Fred Bassi, coach; Gordon McPherson, assistant coach, and their team, for a job well done.

We have selected Carolyn St. Angelo and Terry Cushman from the women's basketball team; Randy Kerr, Jim Voisin and Don Nadeau from the Niagara Knights hockey team, and Dave Patterson and Bill Hand from the men's basketball team.

CAROLYN ST. ANGELO

Carolyn finished this season with 301 points, placing her fourth in the Ontario Colege Athletic Association scoring race. Carolyn averaged 16.7 points per game in her 18 games with the Knights this year.

"Carolyn is definitely an athlete," Mr. Stevenson said. "I know of no better tribute a coach can give a player.

"She has a good attitude from a team point of view and is always giving 110 per cent."

Carolyn scored 124 field goals this year and scored 53 of 85 free throws for an average of 62 per cent.

Jim Voisin, co-captain and forward for the Niagara Knights, was the scoring leader in the league this year as well as one of the fastest.

He played in 12 league games, scoring nine goals and 22 assists for a total of 31 points.

"Size-wise Jimmy is not one of the biggest players but his determination makes up for his lack of physical size," Mr. Bassi said.

Mr. Bassi said Jim is an unselfish hockey player, "as you can tell by his 22 assists."

"Last year he was more of a defensive player but this year he has combined that with an offensive threat to become the scoring leader," Mr. Bassi said. "I'm pleased with the two years that I've had him. He's a disciplined hockey player and very coachable.

JIM VOISIN

Terry Cushman was described by Mr. Stevenson as the most improved player of the season on the women's basketball team.

Terry, playing her first season at Niagara, had not played for a year or two before coming to the college but played "excellent" in the second half of the season, Mr. Stevenson said.

Terry scored 156 points in the 18 games she played and averaged 8.7 points per game.

She scored 69 field goals and scored 18 of 26 free throws for an average of 69.

TERRY CUSHMAN

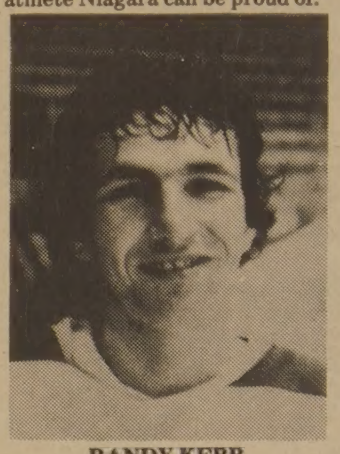
Randy Kerr's contribution to the Knights cannot go unnoticed. Kerr, in his three years on the college hockey team, became the new leading scorer in Niagara College's history this year by breaking Bob Kraliz's record of 143 career points set in 1974.

Randy had a late start this season but was able to score 11 goals and 12 assists in six league games for 22 points.

"Randy's actions on the ice speak for themselves," Mr. Bassi said. "He's a goal scorer, penalty killer and playmaker."

Mr. Bassi said Randy gives an all-out effort during practices as well as games.

"For his three years at Niagara College, he's been a credit to the school," Mr. Bassi said. "He's a credit to the school — an athlete Niagara can be proud of."



RANDY KERR

Whenever the Knights found themselves in tough situations, Don Nadeau, goaltender, always came up with some tremendous saves.

"I call him Mr. Clutch," Mr. Bassi said. 'When we've been under attack, he's come up with some crucial saves which have demoralized the opposition and sparked our team."

Mr. Bassi said Don has a strong desire to win and has always been outstanding in crucial situations.

"Personally, I would call him the best in the league," Mr. Bassi said. "He was selected for the second team all stars, but he ranks with the best."

Don played 650 minutes giving up 55 of the 374 shots on him. He has an efficiency rating of 85.29 per cent with a 5.07 average.

DON NADEAU

Dave Patterson scored 207 points for the men's basketball team and scored an average of 12.9 points per game in the 16 games he played.

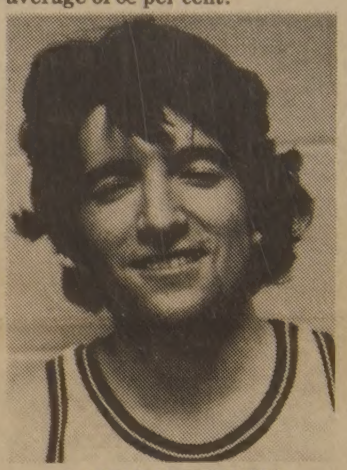
"Dave didn't shoot as well as I expected, but he helped us out in different ways," coach Dan Rodobenko said.

"We were short-handed quite often and he had to play in different positions and he played well.

"He was a forward but played lead guard, the centre or post position and he had to run the offence, which was difficult."

Dave improved on the press and got a lot of points by anticipating the play and stealing the ball, Mr. Radobenko said.

Dave scored 83 field goals and made 41 of 60 free throws for an average of 68 per cent.



DAVE PATTERSON

Bill Hand, playing in his first year at the college has a good future in basketball, Mr. Radobenko said.

"He's not big, but he is always in there trying his best, Mr. Radobenko said.

Bill's job is made difficult because of the six to eight inches in height he gives up to other players in that position, he said.

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Welland Vale campus recently elected a new student government. Members of the Senate are, back row, left to right: Stan Czaplicki, vice-president; Mike Hare, treasurer; and Mary Delano, events chairman. Front row, left to right, Jeff Harrison, events chairman; Barry Fenner, president and Karin Coleman, secretary.

(Photo by Surgeoner)

Welland Vale Senate

Too few skilled workers threat to Canada's future

Canada's economic prosperity is now severely threatened by a shortage of skilled workers — and managers — that will continue throughout the 1980s.

"The energy industry is experiencing shortages of geologists, engineers, personnel to run the drilling rigs, specialists and technicians to work at our oil sands plant, refinery technicians and data processing and information systems managers," Peter Spelliscy, director of human resources, Suncor Incorporated, told a seminar of industrial leaders on Canada's economic future.

A detailed report of the seminar has just been received by the college and is being circulated among deans and administrators.

"To me, it's an exciting revelation and they're all saying the same thing," John Giancarlo, executive dean and dean of applied arts, said.

He felt the colleges have a role to play "in producing skilled people at all levels and in all areas."

Mr. Spelliscy said, "Surveys have shown that in the years 1980-90 managers in the 44-60 age group, a group that has traditionally held 60 to 70 per cent of senior management jobs, will only number 11 to 13 per cent of the total management population.

"We will not only have a problem finding specialists but also the managers to oversee their efforts."

The seminar organized by the Conference Board of Canada was entitled Meeting Canada's Manpower Needs: Whose Responsibility?

James Nininger, president of the Conference Board of Canada, said it seems clear that more training — particularly industrial training — needs to be undertaken.

"A critical question is how the additional costs of training should be allocated. Further, the mix of education and training provided should be reviewed."

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guidelines which are not included in the constitution, Mike said. Everyone was told that those rules were to be obeyed.

"Tom also told us that we could use the Niagara News for advertising in the March 16 edition." He said the SUP slate bought an ad in the paper which was inspected by Al Chonka, vice president of internal affairs.

Al told the people who designed the advertisement that it was okay and could be used in Monday's edition, Mike said. "However, Tom Mather told me on Monday that this was another no no, just after telling us that it was okay."

(The question at issue about the advertisement is whether its publication on March 16 contravened a SAC guideline that five days — Monday to Friday of the previous week — be allocated to campaigning.)

Mike feels that not only his rights, but also the constitution, have been violated, and called on Niagara students to defend these rights by calling for a new election.

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that everyone has the right to run for SAC."

More than 150 students signed the petition.

Tom said he didn't think the petition would carry much weight because both sides were not presented.

"the students are not aware of what the decision was based on," he said.

Rumors have been circulating in the college that SAC was favoring the Student Representative Council (SRC) to win the election.

"It would appear that we're favoring them because they took advantage of SAC knowledge of the constitution," Tom said.

ALL HAD OPPORTUNITY

All parties and candidates had the opportunity to take advantage of this, he said. The only people that showed interest were the SRC slate and Carmen Angi.

"We didn't just jump into it," Tom said. "We didn't want to make a snap judgement and it's a decision we're going to have to live with.

We thought if he's doing this now (breaking the guidelines) what would it be like if he got into office?

"We have to keep the students' interests in line. The average student doesn't realize how much weight SAC carries."

"I'm standing behind the decision we made, I think it's the right decision."

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